

Application Serial No.: 09/675,180
Reply to Office Action dated May 19, 2003

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 32, and 33 are presently active in this case, Claims 11, 13, and 14 having been amended by way of the present Amendment, and Claims 1-10, 12, 15-18, and 21-31 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The Applicants submit that the present Amendment places the application into condition for allowance. In the Official Action, Claims 19, 20, 32, and 33 were indicated as being allowed. Additionally, Claims 12-14 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of Claim 12 was added to Claim 11, from which Claim 12 depended. Therefore, the rejection of Claim 11 has been rendered moot. Thus, the Applicants submit that amended Claim 11 is allowable, as well as Claim 13 that depends from Claim 11. Furthermore, Claim 14 was rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base Claim 11. Thus, the Applicants submit that Claim 14 is allowable.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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